

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Legislative Branch Appropriations bill.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6991–S7082*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2878–2882, S.J. Res. 50, and S. Res. 337. **Page S7072**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:  
S. 2487, to authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–345) **Page S7072**

#### Measures Passed:

**Legislative Branch Appropriations:** Senate passed H.R. 4516, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, after incorporating the text of S. 2603, Senate companion measure, and after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto, as follows:

**Pages S7057–65**

Boxer Amendment No. 3909, to limit funds for the preventative application of a pesticide containing a known or probable carcinogen, a category I or II acute nerve toxin or a pesticide of the organophosphate, carbamate, or organochlorine class as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency to U.S. Capitol buildings or grounds maintained or administered by the Architect of the U.S. Capitol.

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Senate insisted on its amendments, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Bennett, Stevens, Craig, Cochran, Feinstein, Durbin, and Byrd. **Page S7065**

**Death of Former Senator Pastore:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 337, relative to the death of the Honorable John O. Pastore, formerly a Senator from the State of Rhode Island. **Pages S7081–82**

**Interior Appropriations:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 4578, making appropriations for the

Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7007–09, S7014–43, S7055–57**

#### Adopted:

Roth (for Daschle) Amendment No. 3778, to designate funds for the United Sioux Tribes of South Dakota Development Corporation for the purpose of employment assistance. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Edwards) Modified Amendment No. 3779, to make funds available for the acquisition of lands on the Pisgah National Forest. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Domenici) Modified Amendment No. 3784, to provide for the management of the Valles Caldera National Preserve. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Stevens) Modified Amendment No. 3786, to direct monies from the federal subsistence account to the State of Alaska to provide effective dual management under the federal subsistence fisheries program. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Stevens) Modified Amendment No. 3787, to authorize the accrual of interest on escrow accounts established under section 1411 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act and relating to re-withdrawn lands. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3788, to provide monies to the City of Craig, Alaska in lieu of municipal land entitlements authorized under the Alaska Statehood Act. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3789, to provide for the relief of Harvey R. Redmond. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 3889, to provide funding for the Department of the Interior to fight methamphetamine production and trafficking in our national forests. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3890, to provide funds for the construction of the Four Corners Interpretive Center.

Roth Amendment No. 3891, to make funds available for the Lewes Maritime Historic Park. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Sessions) Amendment No. 3892, to provide funding to carry out exhibitions at and acquire interior furnishings for the Rosa Parks Library and Museum, Alabama, with an offset. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Sessions) Amendment No. 3893, to provide funding for acquisition of land around the Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge, Alabama, with an offset. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Landrieu/Breaux) Amendment No. 3894, to set aside funding for the development of a preservation plan for Cane River National Heritage Area, Louisiana. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Landrieu/Breaux) Amendment No. 3895, to set aside funding for the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training for the development of a model for heritage education through distance learning. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 3896, to make funds available for fuels reduction activities at Sequoia National Monument. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Chafee) Amendment No. 3897, to make certain technical corrections. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 3898, to create a curriculum for the instruction of Federal Land Managers in Alaska on the contents and legislative history of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Snowe) Amendment No. 3899, to set aside additional funding for the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Reid) Amendment No. 3900, to clarify terms of conveyance to Nye County, Nevada. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Edwards) Amendment No. 3901, to make funds available for law enforcement purposes on the Pisgah and Nantahala national forests. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Edwards) Amendment No. 3902, to make funds available for “Surveys, Investigations, and Research” to remain available until expended, to repair or replace stream monitoring equipment and associated facilities damaged by natural disasters. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3903, to provide that funding shall be available to complete an updated study of the New York-New Jersey highlands under the Forest Stewardship Act of 1990. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Feingold/Kohl) Amendment No. 3904, to make funds available for the conduct of a wilderness suitability study at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Wisconsin. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Kerrey/Hagel) Amendment No. 3905, to set aside funding for the design and construction of educational and informational displays for the

Missouri Recreation Rivers Research and Education Center, Nebraska. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3906, to provide that none of the funds in this Act may be used to establish a new National Wildlife Refuge in the Kankakee River basin unless a plan for such a refuge is consistent with a partnership agreement between the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Army Corp of Engineers. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Crapo) Amendment No. 3907, to help ensure general aviation aircraft access to Federal land and the airspace over that land. **Pages S7055–57**

Roth (for Gorton/Byrd) Amendment No. 3908, to limit certain funding. **Pages S7055–57**

Withdrawn:

Thomas Amendment No. 3800, to provide authority for the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the management of conflicting activities and uses. **Pages S7016–24**

Pending:

Reed Amendment No. 3798, to increase funding for weatherization assistance grants, with an offset. **Pages S7014–16**

Bryan/Fitzgerald Amendment No. 3883, to reduce the Forest Service timber sale budget by \$30,000,000 and increase the wildland fire management budget by \$15,000,000. **Pages S7024–27**

Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 3811, to provide funding for maintenance of a Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve, with an offset. **Pages S7027–29**

Nickles Amendment No. 3884, to defend the Constitutional system of checks and balances between the Legislative and Executive branches. **Pages S7029–32**

Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 3885, to provide that none of the funds appropriated under this Act may be used for the preventive application of a pesticide containing a known or probable carcinogen, a category I or II acute nerve toxin or a pesticide of the organophosphate, carbamate, or organochlorine class as identified by the Environmental Protection Agency in National Parks in any area where children may be present. **Page S7032**

Gorton (for Bond) Amendment No. 3886, to prohibit use of funds for application of unapproved pesticides in certain areas that may be used by children. **Pages S7032–34**

Reid (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 3887, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the protection of Indian program monies from judgment fund claims. **Pages S7034–35**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Tuesday, July 18, 2000.

**Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Reconciliation Act:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 4810, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001, striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2839, Senate companion measure, as an amendment, which was subsequently agreed to, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7043–55**

**Adopted:**

Roth (for Bond) Amendment No. 3851 (to Amendment No. 3850), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for 100 percent of the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals. **Page S7049**

Reid (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3850, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deduction for health insurance costs of self-employed individuals. **Page S7049**

Reid (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3854, to ensure that children enrolled in the Medicaid program at highest risk for lead poisoning are identified and treated. **Page S7050**

Reid (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3855, to amend the Social Security Act to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare coverage of individuals disabled with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. **Page S7050**

Reid (for Cleland) Amendment No. 3859, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude United States savings bond income from gross income if used to pay long-term care expenses. **Page S7050**

Reid (for Cleland) Amendment No. 3860, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the enhanced deduction for corporate donations of computer technology to public libraries and community centers. **Pages S7050–51**

Dorgan Amendment No. 3877, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat payments under the Conservation Reserve Program as rentals from real estate, expand the applicability of section 179 expensing, provide an exclusion for gain from the sale of farmland, and allow a deduction for 100 percent of the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals. **Page S7050**

Landrieu Amendment No. 3888, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the adoption credit to provide assistance to adoptive parents of special needs children. **Pages S7048, S7050**

**Rejected:**

By 45 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 198), Feingold motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions that the Committee report it

back along with legislation that would substantially extend the solvency of Social Security and Medicare. **Page S7043–44**

By 46 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 200), Moynihan Amendment No. 3863, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7045**

Earlier, Amendment No. 3863 (listed above), was ruled germane.

By 40 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 201), Feingold Amendment No. 3845, to strike the adjustment to the rate brackets and to further adjust the standard deduction. **Page S7046**

**Withdrawn:**

Reid (for Dodd) Amendment No. 3876, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction, to increase, expand, and simplify the child and dependent care tax credit, to expand the adoption credit for special needs children, to provide incentives for employer-provided child care. **Pages S7043, S7051**

Roth (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3868, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to maintain exemption of Alaska from dyeing requirements for exempt diesel fuel and kerosene. **Page S7043**

Roth (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3869, to amend section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code. **Page S7043**

Roth (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3870, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a charitable deduction for certain expenses incurred in support of Native Alaskan subsistence whaling. **Page S7043**

Roth (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3871, to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide for equitable treatment of trusts created to preserve the benefits of Alaska Native Settlement Act. **Page S7043**

Roth (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3872, to clarify the tax treatment of passengers filling empty seats on noncommercial airplanes. **Page S7043**

Roth (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3873, to amend title 26 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1986 to allow income averaging for fishermen without negative Alternative Minimum Tax treatment, for the creation of risk management accounts for fishermen. **Page S7043**

Brownback Modified Amendment No. 3849, to provide tax relief for farmers. **Page S7044**

Reid (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3856, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to lower the adjusted gross income threshold for deductible disaster casualty losses to 5 percent, to make such deduction an above-the-line deduction, to allow an election to take such deduction for the preceding or

succeeding year, and to eliminate the marriage penalty for individuals suffering casualty losses.

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Reid (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3857, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the marriage penalty for individuals suffering casualty losses.

**Page S7051**

Roth (for Grams) Amendment No. 3861, to repeal the increase in tax on Social Security benefits.

**Page S7051**

Roth (for Abraham) Modified Amendment No. 3862, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the need to repeal the marriage tax penalty and improve coverage of prescription drugs under the Medicare program this year.

**Page S7051**

Reid Amendment No. 3866 (to Amendment No. 3861), to express the sense of the Senate that the general fund transfer mechanism included in the Grams Social Security amendment should be used to extend the life of the Medicare trust fund through 2030, to ensure that Medicare remains a strong health insurance program for our nation's seniors and that its payments to health providers remain adequate.

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Roth (for Grams) Amendment No. 3867 (to Amendment No. 3861), to repeal the increase in tax on Social Security benefits.

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Reid (for Wellstone) No. 3879, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the restoration of reductions in payments under the Medicare program caused by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

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Reid (for Wellstone) No. 3880, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the restoration of reductions in payments under the Medicare program caused by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

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Nickles (for Lott) Amendment No. 3882, to provide a substitute.

**Page S7051**

Pending:

Burns Amendment No. 3874, to repeal of the modification of the installment method.

**Page S7055**

Reid (for Hollings) Amendment No. 3875, to pay down the debt by striking the tax cuts.

**Page S7055**

Nickles (for Lott) Amendment No. 3881, to provide a substitute.

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During consideration of this measure today, the Senate took the following actions:

Roth Modified motion to waive all points of order under the budget process, arising from the earned-income credit component. Subsequently, Senate failed to sustain the point of order against section 4 of the bill that it violates section 313 of the Congressional Budget Act.

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By 48 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 199), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having

voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected Roth motion to waive any point of order made against Amendments numbered 3864 and 3865 (to Amendment No. 3863).

**Pages S7044–45**

Senate sustained a point of order against Roth Amendment No. 3864, to strike sunset provision, as being in violation of the Byrd Rule of the Budget Act, and the amendment thus fell.

**Page S7045**

Senate sustained a point of order against Roth Amendment No. 3865 (to Amendment No. 3863), to strike sunset provision, as being in violation of the Byrd Rule of the Budget Act, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 30 yeas to 68 nays (Vote No. 202), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Feingold Amendment No. 3846, to provide a non-refundable credit against tax for costs of COBRA continuation insurance and allow extended COBRA coverage for qualified retirees. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

**Pages S7046–47**

By 45 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 203), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Harkin Amendment No. 3847, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

**Pages S7047–48**

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 204), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Kennedy Amendment No. 3848, to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to permit States to expand coverage under the Medicaid program and SCHIP to parents of enrolled children. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

**Pages S7048–49**

By 49 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 205), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget

Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Reid (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 3852, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow small business employers a credit against income tax for employee health insurance expenses paid or incurred by the employer. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

**Pages S7049–50**

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 206), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Reid (for Robb) Amendment No. 3853, to make the bill effective upon enactment of a Medicare prescription drug benefit. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Tuesday, July 18, 2000, with votes to occur on pending amendments and final passage. Further, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Roth, Lott, and Moynihan.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

Norman Y. Mineta, of California, to be Secretary of Commerce.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Text of H.R. 4205, as Previously Passed:**

**Pages S6871–S6982 (Record of 7–14–00)**

**Record Votes:** Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—206)

**Pages S7044–S7050**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 9:44 p.m., until 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7082.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### END-OF-LIFE CARE

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee held hearings to examine certain professional and public education initiatives that are under way to inform Americans about appropriate end-of-life care that may improve care, ease pain, and help families as the nation ages, receiving testimony from Joanne Lynn, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the Americans for Better Care of the Dying, and the RAND Center to Improve Care of the Dying; James A. Tulskey, Duke University Department of Medicine Institute on Care at the End of Life, Durham, North Carolina, on behalf of the Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Linda Todd, Hospice of the Siouxland, Sioux City, Iowa, on behalf of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization; Richard Rosenquist, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, on behalf of the Iowa City Veterans Affairs Medical Center Pain Management Clinic; Linda Emanuel, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Education for Physicians on End-of-Life Care Project, Shelly Twiford, Dakota City, Nebraska; and Peggy Gulotta, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Hearings recessed subject to call.